

Worcester County Board of Elections
201 Belt Street, Suite C, Snow Hill MD 21863

Via Conference Call
August 7, 2020

Attendees: **BOARD:**

Ed Rodier, Jr., President – Republican Board President Board Member
Kay Ann Hickman – Vice President – Democratic Board VP Board Member
Linda A. Moran – Secretary – Republican Secretary Board Member
Audrey Wahl – Republican Board Member
Martina Barnes-Wharton – Democratic Board Member

STAFF:

Patricia Jackson – Election Director

ABSENT:

Teresa Riffin (attending MAEO Conference call)
Lindsey West (in mediation with client, will join later if possible)

Guest: Mary Burgess, Chair – Worcester County Republican Central Committee
Loretta Spinuzza – Worcester County Republican Central Committee
Lanny Hickman – Worcester County Democratic Central Committee

Welcome Guest and Board:

Meeting called to order at 10:06 am and Quorum Determined: A quorum was declared present, President Rodier called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion was made by Mrs. Hickman and seconded by Mrs. Wahl to approve minutes of July 1, 2020 and July 9th, 2020.

Correspondence:

No Correspondence

Reports:

No reports

Year-to-Date Budget Report
As of July 31, 2020

Was distributed to committee via email.

Old Business – All polling places are secured for Nov. 3rd Election.

New Business:

Much discussion about meeting that will take place today via video for SBE at 2:00, meeting is public and Ms. Jackson will send link to Board on how to attend. The decision today will be made by SBE if we go with the standard early voting from Oct. 22nd to Oct. 29th 2020 vs. going with voting centers from Oct. 29th to Nov. 3rd. all at the same place. We have enough Judges to do 3 centers but we are hoping to get 4 Centers if it is passed. If SBE approves this request, it will be sent to Governor Hogan. Ms. Jackson will let us know what happens following the meeting for those you cannot join in.

Motion was made to send an email to MAEO and let them know that our Board is in favor of using Polling Centers. Vote made by Ms. Hickman and 2nd by Ms. Wahl. Motion passed unanimously.

There was much discussion about the different locations that the Staff have looked at and unfortunately, we cannot find any other suitable place but the Roland E. Powell Convention Center in Ocean City. We will need to have wheelchairs and a drop box and a security camera. Ms. Jackson will look into these items. Also, need to know if the parties will be able to have signage/canopies/tents out in the parking area of the convention center for the Central Committees.

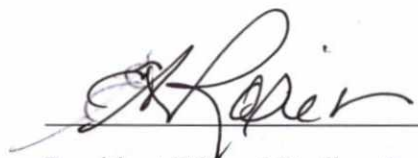
Motion was made to accept the Ocean City Convention Center as the early voting location by Mr. Rodier and 2nd by Ms. Hickman. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjoined at 10:47 am

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned by Mr. Rodier.

Respectfully submitted

Linda A. Moran, Secretary

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President Edward Rodier, Jr

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